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and May 26, 1898). Two other stations where this detention was enforced, were Tortugas Quarantine Station and Egmont Key Detention Camp; and reports from these stations follow:

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

#### REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

##### *El Paso.*

EL PASO, TEX., May 23, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a gentleman, his wife, and 2 children arrived yesterday by the Mexican Central from Torreon, Mexico, a town where smallpox is epidemic. One of the children had confluent smallpox, and according to the father's own statement, the other child lately had varioloid. Though no scales were visible on the face or body of the child, I thought it precautionary to detain the family for twenty-four hours to enable me to disinfect all their baggage.

Very respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,

*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Laredo.*—Act. Asst. Surg. H. J. Hamilton, Laredo, Tex., reports, under date of May 29, that a delegate of the superior council of health of Mexico, after investigation, found 1 death from yellow fever on May 11. Diagnosis confirmed by autopsy. Disinfection of house and clothing done at once. Bedding burned.

*Cerebro-spinal meningitis*—*Abstract of replies received to circular requesting information.*

[Continued from last PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.]

VIRGINIA—*Alexandria.*—During the week ended May 27, 1 death from cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported.

WASHINGTON—*Tacoma.*—Since October 1, 1898, 7 deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis have been reported.

##### *Detention of troops at Tortugas Quarantine Station.*

TORTUGAS QUARANTINE, FLA., May 22, 1899.

SIR: In compliance with Bureau letter (P. M. C.), of May 12, 1899, directing a report of operations, under orders received, in connection with troops returning from Cuba, I have the honor to make the following report:

Acting under telegraphic orders to proceed to Tortugas and report to Assistant Surgeon Anderson, I arrived at this station on March 23. On the morning of March 26 the transports *Florida* and *Kilpatrick*, having on board the First Regiment of Texas Volunteer Infantry, arrived. The *Florida*, carrying the baggage, equipment, and 4 companies of the regiment, was brought to the wharf, while the *Kilpatrick*, too large to enter either channel, anchored in the outer harbor.